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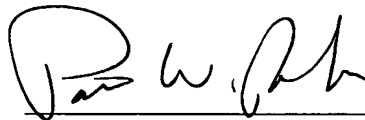
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2. A copy of the originally filed TRANSMITTAL (3 pages) and CERTIFICATE OF FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS AND TRADEMARKS (1 page) both dated May 12, 2004.
3. A copy of the Transmission Report confirming transmission of 16 pages to the USPTO facsimile number (703) 872-9306 on Wednesday, May 12, 2004 at 17:51 CST.
4. A statement attesting by personal knowledge of the timely transmission.

Applicants respectfully submit that the above submissions are evidence of Applicant's timely filing of a response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the holding of abandonment be withdrawn and that the herewith submitted AMENDMENT be entered into the record as a timely filed response to the Office Action dated February 12, 2004.

Applicant believes that no fee is due for this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181(a). If a fee is due, then the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the correct fee to Deposit Account No. 01-2384.

Respectfully submitted,



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